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IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please AMEND Claims 3 and 7 as follows:

3. The turbocharger for an internal combustion engine according to claim 1, wherein said radial bearing is made of a brass copper alloy containing 54 to 64 wt% of Cu, 0.2 to 3.0 wt% of Si, 0.2 to 7.0 wt% of Mn, 0.5 to 3.5 wt% of Al, and the rest of substantially Zn.

7. The turbocharger for an internal combustion engine according to claim 1, further comprising a thrust bearing for regulating motion in the thrust direction of said rotary shaft, the thrust bearing being made of the same material as that of said radial bearing.

(A copy of the marked-up version of amended Claims 3 and 7 are attached to this Preliminary Amendment).

Please ADD new Claims 8-10 as follows:

8. (NEW) The turbocharger for an internal combustion engine according to claim 2, wherein said radial bearing is made of a brass copper alloy containing 54 to 64 wt% of Cu, 0.2 to 3.0 wt% of Si, 0.2 to 7.0 wt% of Mn, 0.5 to 3.5 wt% of Al, and the rest of substantially Zn.